

Whitefish Dunes

Get Out Doors! Photo Contest

Celebrate getting outdoors through photos of Whitefish Dunes State Park. Photographers are encouraged to illustrate the Wisconsin State Park System's new initiative aimed at getting children and families to spend more time outdoors with nature. To encourage this action, photographers are challenged to capture the natural beauty, unique features and special activities that occur at the park. Photographs must show scenes, plants, animals and/or people in Whitefish Dunes State Park. Ribbons will be awarded and the grand champion will be awarded a ribbon and prize. Submission may be made from **July 5th** through **July 29th**, 2010. Winning photos will be exhibited in the Nature Center **August 21st** through **September 5th**. Contest is sponsored by Whitefish Dunes State Park and the Friends of Whitefish Dunes. For more information contact the park office at 920-823-2400.

Categories:

1. **Plants & Wildlife** – color; wild flowers, trees, animals and insects
2. **General scenery, Shoreline views** – color; must be of the parks' shoreline either rocky bluffs, Clark Lake, Lake Michigan, sandy beach, Whitefish Creek or water view of the park.
3. **General scenery, Interior views** – color; must be of the park forest, wetland, hiking trails, or other inland scenic shot
4. **Park users** – color; must be showing **legal** use of park property (may need model release in some cases)*
5. **Black & White** – images can be composed of the following items; plants, wildlife, general scenery or park users. This includes chemical and digital Black & White photos
6. **Junior Division** – color, digitally altered or black & white, Photographer must be 14 years of age or younger; age of photographer must be included along with answering the question, "Why do you like this image?" Images & mount may between 4" x 6" up to 11"x14", images can be composed of the following items: Plants & Wildlife, General Scenery, or Park Users.

Eligibility:

- All entries must be taken in or of Whitefish Dunes State Park (WFD).
- Photographs must show scenes, plants, animals or people in WFD.
- Only the photographer who took the photo may enter it.
- Images previously entered in past Whitefish Dunes contests are ineligible.
- Photos of locations must be in compliance with all park rules.
- All park visitors are eligible with the exception of contest judges and park employees.

Please note: Cave Point is a county park and though it is within our boundaries, images of Cave Point do not meet our photo contest specifications.

*If subjects in images are recognizable, a model release must accompany entry. The park has copies of a model release entry form.

For specifications, entering and award information on back.

Specifications:

- Images can be mounted on foam core, mat board or similar material but the mount and photo must be between 8"x10" and 11"x14", except for the Junior Division. Improper or poor matting will result in a lower judging.
- The photographer's name, address and category must be clearly displayed on the back of the print in the format below.

Name: Address: Category: Title: Age: (Junior Division only) I like this image because... (Junior Division only)
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- **Do not place** photographer's name on front of entries.
- An image can not be entered in more than one category.
- A photographer is allowed only 2 entries per category.
- Prints must be **unframed, and unmatted (i.e. no over mats)** photos.
- We encourage participants to title their photos.
- All images submitted must have negatives or digital files available upon request.
- Any image entered may be copied by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or the Friends Group to be used for displays, post cards or in publications. Credit will be given to the photographer if used.

Entering:

- Photos may be submitted from **July 5th** through **July 29th**, 2010, at the Whitefish Dunes Nature Center or by mailing images to the park at the address below.

Whitefish Dunes Photo Contest, 3275 Clark Lake Road, Sturgeon Bay WI 54235

- Participants must fill out a self-addressed stamped postcard along with photo submissions. Postcards are provided by the park. One postcard per photographer.
- Winning photos will be exhibited in the Nature Center **August 21st** through **September 5th**.
- All entries may be picked up at the Nature Center after **September 7th**, (office hours 8:00am to 4:00pm). All photos and prizes must be claimed by **September 17, 2010**. Entries will be returned by mail if the owner provides a postage-paid mailing container.
- Photos that are lost or damaged in the mail are the responsibility of the owner. Every precaution will be taken to protect photos during the judging and display, but the park's liability is limited to the cost of printing and mounting.

Awards

Individuals are eligible to receive a ribbon in more than one category, but can not win more than one ribbon in the same category. Photos will be judged on the basis of composition, technical quality, and aesthetics. First, second and third place ribbons may be given in each category. The overall best photograph, as selected by the judges, will be awarded Grand Champion. Participants will be notified of their placement in the exhibit by post card.

All photos submitted will be reviewed for a special category – Postcard. Selected photographs from the contest will be used to create new postcard for the Friends Bookstore. Photographer(s) will receive recognition on the printed postcard and a framed postcard that includes their image(s).